

MANY HOT SHOTS FIRED AT BAR ASSOCIATION MEETING

And fiery political wig pulling, including as a matter of course charges and counter charges of chicanery, crookedness, despotism and so forth, and with George A. Davis' deep bass voice bursting forth at regular intervals in passionate ideas for the elimination of partisanship, the bar association yesterday afternoon enjoyed for its presidency, falling vacant in the course of the next six months.

The opposition of Judge A. A. Wilder, who declared he could not vote at that time for James L. Coke as successor to R. W. Breckons in the U. S. district attorney's office, prevented a ballot on the endorsement of that name. After some discussion of a successor, Judge Wilder, who had previously intimated that South Carolina was in line to succeed Wyoming in political prestige in this territory, suddenly moved an adjournment, and as the motion was unopposed, the association adjourned without endorsing a name for the office Breckons now holds.

Men Endorsed.

The following endorsements were made: Judge Parsons, judge for the Hilo district; Judge Matthewman, judge for the Kona district; Judge Edings, judge for Maui; Judge Whitney for Honolulu, and Justice Perry for the supreme bench.

All are endorsed to continue in their present offices except Edings, who is proposed as successor to Judge Kingsbury, on Maui. Kingsbury's term expires in February, Parsons' and Matthewman's in January, Whitney's and Perry's in May.

Judge Wilder initiated the excitement of the session by proposing the name of Edings for the first-mentioned vacancy, that of Judge Parsons, of Hilo. Wilder declared Edings to be absolutely honest.

"Personally I am fond of Parsons," said Wilder, "but he is nominated by

Carlsmith, and Carlsmith, I say, is crooked. I object to Parsons being on the bench for it simply means that Carlsmith will run the court as he does now."

To support his charge of "crookedness" against the Hilo attorney Wilder quoted Judge Stanley as telling him that when Carlsmith was investigated once before he (Stanley) was convinced the bar association should not have whitewashed him as it did.

Stanley Gets Hot.

This brought Stanley to his feet with a hot repudiation of the alleged statement. He said the investigation concerned the defense of some Korean who were hanged, and that what he had told Wilder was that Carlsmith probably acted too hastily, deciding on his course of action almost before he had taken time to learn the names of the parties interested in the affairs.

To strengthen his denial Stanley nominated Parsons, eulogizing him and his career on the bench. M. F. Prosser, declaring the wishes of Hilo were entitled to some respect and consideration and that Hilo apparently sought the reappointment of Parsons, seconded the nomination.

Then came some particularly interesting remarks from County Attorney Cathcart, D. L. Withington and George Davis. Cathcart started it by remarking that it was only natural to suppose that Parsons, coming from Carlsmith's office, should be dominated on the bench by that attorney, and furthermore, that the new national administration coming into power should be given leeway to choose men of its own selection.

Withington Disagrees.

Withington thought the latter idea preposterous and expressed the hope that the bar association would not descend to party instead of personal fitness in the matter of appointments. "Shall

the association say that a judge in a community in which he has lived and done conscientious service shall not be continued, and do we mean that we do not want conscientious service?"

George Davis won hearty applause when he jumped up and exclaimed: "The influence of this bar association shall be paramount. A lawyer who goes on the bench and carries his politics there should be tarred and feathered. A few years ago the Maui people did not want Judge Kingsbury, and now they are breaking their necks to have him reappointed."

Arks Open Ballot.

Judge Wilder finally moved for an open ballot, precipitating another discussion. On first ballot the motion prevailed, but on reconsideration it was thrown out and the regular balloting system was ordered. Parsons received twenty-two, Edings thirteen.

Davis moved that an unanimous vote for Parsons be given, but Wilder opposed this, declaring that the name of Edings will be sent to Washington anyhow. "It will go to the President," he declared, "because the South Carolina delegation is a unit for Edings." This was the first intimation that a new crowd has formed for the overthrow of the famous "Wyoming gang," that has played such a powerful part in Hawaiian politics the last few years.

The renomination of Judge Matthewman for the Kona position was made by Wilder and he was endorsed unanimously. The renomination of Justice Perry, for the supreme court, was made by E. A. Douthett, and he was endorsed with only one dissenting vote, that of Judge Wilder.

Day's Real Surprise.

The real surprise of the day came in the endorsement of Edings in place of Kingsbury, the present incumbent of the bench on Maui. President F. E. Thompson had a large number of endorsements of the present judge, sent in by the leading firms and business men of the county. Kingsbury was nominated by W. O. Smith and seconded by Prosser, and thought the matter was all settled but the perfunctory casting of an unanimous ballot, when suddenly E. A. Douthett proposed the name of Edings. This was quickly seconded, and the resultant vote was Kingsbury sixteen, Edings, eighteen.

Following this unexpected denouement Judge Wilder arose and announced the withdrawal of his objections to the endorsement of Judge Parsons, of Hilo, and the nomination of the Hilo man was then made unanimous.

Despite the opposition of Wilder, who sought to close nominations and have no endorsements of judges whose terms expire after President-elect Woodrow Wilson goes into office, the association promptly approved the name of Justice Perry, of the supreme court, for reappointment. Wilder's voice being the only dissenting one heard.

Wilder Kicks Some More.

Wilder again objected when the name of Circuit Judge W. L. Whitney, of Honolulu, was proposed for reappointment, but he was promptly voted down, as in the previous case.

Then the matter of the federal district attorney came up. Wilder moved that the association go on record as endorsing only a citizen of the territory. George Davis moved this be amended by adding that only James L. Coke, the recently elected territorial senator for Oahu, be sent approved. Both the original motion and its amendment were seconded, when Lorrin Andrews stirred up the political tempest again by suggesting that the original motion be adopted, leaving the choice of the individual for Breckon's successor to be made by the Democratic party. Davis, fiery as ever, declared that if this were done the government would repeat its former action. It would ignore the association's action and send down a man from the mainland. He declared that while this had appeared heretofore to be more or less a political appointment, it should not be so.

Opposes Partisanship.

The man who filled that office, he said, should not be an active partisan and that complaints had been freely made by people of all classes because the incumbents of the U. S. district attorney's office had been active in political affairs and had sought to dominate the party in the territory.

Davis declared the man who should have the highest power here should be the president of the bar association, "no matter who he may be."

After some more discussion that reached nowhere, the association finally adopted the original motion, approving the principle of having only citizens of the territory appointed to that office. Just as the name of Coke was proposed, Judge Wilder suddenly proposed adjournment, and the association was forced to conclude without taking definite action on the endorsement.

STEAMSHIP COMPANIES RECEIVE WARNING

Reporting on the celebrated case of Mr. Brasch's dog, Dr. Case, assistant territorial veterinarian, says: "Because of failure to furnish the inspector with a list of live stock consigned to this territory, thereby imposing upon the inspecting officer considerable unnecessary work, it was deemed advisable to write to the companies concerned a letter asking that more attention be given to this subject by steamship officials. Consequently a letter was prepared and signed by the president and executive officers of this board, and sent to the following steamship agencies: Castle & Cooke, C. Brewer & Co. and Hackfeld & Co. A copy of the letter sent to H. Hackfeld & Co. was sent to Mr. Schwerin, general manager of the P. M. S. S. lines in San Francisco."

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BUSINESS ITEMS

The Baltimore cafe has been taken by R. William Warham, owner of the Manhattan cafe.

Hawaiian stocks closed as follows in San Francisco yesterday: Hawaiian Commercial, 32.25 bid; Hawaiian Sugar, 34 bid; Honokaa, 7.50 bid, 9.50 asked; Hutchinson, 16 bid; Kilauea, 12 bid; Onomea, 30 bid; Paauhau, 17.75 bid; Union, 32 asked.

Following exciting fluctuations in the fore part of the day, there was a rally of railroad stocks on the New York stock exchange yesterday. Reading jumped ten points after news of the supreme court's decision in the anthracite case. Other roads advanced and the market closed strong.

Progress was made yesterday by the committee of merchants arranging to switch the street carnival of past years from Christmas eve to New Year's eve. Besides the Hawaiian band the band of the First Infantry has been engaged. It is hoped to have some electric floats out, and an electric-lighted bandstand may be improvised opposite the Young hotel. Efforts are being made to prevent the sale of confetti and serpentines until after Christmas, also to obtain the cooperation of the Oriental merchants.

BORN

ELLSWORTH. To Mrs. E. K. Ellsworth, a son, December 9.
RICE. To Mr. and Mrs. James K. Rice, of Kailua, a son, December 17.

SOME COMMITTEES OF THE PLANTERS

President J. P. Cooke of the planters' association has made some progress in forming the standing committee

tees of that body for this year. Usually this work is not completed until the spring.

The committee on forestry, to secure harmony of effort between the association and the board of agriculture in protecting forests and water sources, consists of Albert Horner, chairman; E. D. Tenney and E. Fax-

on Bishop. This committee will act in conjunction with one appointed by the board of agriculture consisting of W. M. Giffard, Albert Waterhouse and H. M. von Holt.

The committee in charge of the planters' experiment station consists of E. D. Tenney, chairman; George F. Davies, Alonzo Gartley, John

Waterhouse, J. W. Waldron, F. Klamp and A. W. T. Bottomley.

The committee on labor, as it stands, is composed of E. F. Bishop, chairman; F. M. Swamy, F. A. Schaefer, F. Klamp, J. M. Dowsett, T. H. Petrie and E. E. Paxton. Possibly the last named will give place this year to John Waterhouse.

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JAPANESE CONSUL PROBING ISLAND SCHOOL CONDITIONS

Consul-general Eitake, representative of His Majesty, the Mikado of Japan, is now on the island of Hawaii, investigating a feud of long standing between the Buddhist schools and the independent Japanese schools. He will also, later on, gather statistics relating to the number of former subjects of his master, the Mikado, who are now good American citizens and cast a vote at the last election, as well as those who will be entitled to vote at the next election.

The factional difficulty between the Buddhist schools and those independent of all religious influence is of long standing. It arose in the first place over the division of the fund supplied annually by the Hawaiian Sugar Growers' Association for educational purposes, and administered by the consul here.

The religious schools are claiming that they are not being treated fairly by the administrators of the fund. They declare that, inasmuch as they have a much larger enrollment they are entitled to a larger share of the money, and are fighting the increased amounts for the independents.

Consul Eitake is expected back from Hawaii the last of this month. He will take up his investigation on the other islands later.

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